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• Happy New Year •



from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and now a Happy New Year to all. May you all have a healthy year ahead and may your problems be little ones.

This year Santa came early for me as I made out like a bandit at one of our coin shows in November. A New York dealer called me and told me he would see me at our Hartford coin show with a gift. The surprise was I got what I'd say about \$250 worth of the older elongated coins. Many rare pieces and he gave them all to me. Honest some real good elongated coins in the bunch and some even I didn't have. Later I looked in one of the dealers box where I saw an elongated coin. I asked this dealer the price, only to be told I must at least give this man 25¢ for it. Wow, I bought that coin fast. It was one of the rare St. Louis elongated coins. So Santa was good to me this year.

Now back to TEC. We need good articles for the TEC NEWS about elongated coins or something to do with elongated coins. Please, no more owl articles as we are not a owl club unless your talking about our owl coins. Please write or better still type your article clearly if you can, so I can read it. My eyes aren't that good any more and if you scribble I just can't read your writing. If I cant read or make out what your article is about I just cant use it. I will do my best to please. So help, help, out there. If you have that good article, why not send it in. The earlier the better. If I don't get more help then I've been getting we will make less pages. Where is the officers help on this as they should be sending in an article in for each issue.

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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If you havent ordered your 1984 TEC badge for 1984 Convention in Detroit Michigan, please do so now. The money we make from selling these badges is put back in the TEC treasury. The reason why I keep asking is, if we don't get enough orders it wont pay us to make them. They will be rolled again on quarters and will be put on a red, white and blue ribbon pin. I'm only taking orders on this, so please do not send payment now.

Now read this over carefully. If you had ordered a 1983 TEC badge and did not send for it yet, please do so at once. The TEC 1983 badge is still \$5.00. Make out the check to TEC as the money goes into the TEC account. If you do not send for your badge by March 31st, 1984, it will be sold to anyone that wants to buy one. They are nice and will be a nice collectors item some day. I hear many of the low mintage TEC badges are bringing a high price for one. So why not send in for the badge if you had ordered one. The one to write to about the badges is Sally Kirka and to no one else.

Also 1984 dues are due now. I made a nice longer TEC membership coin for the members. Also a new different color membership card is made to keep the records straight. The dues are still \$5.00 and all dues must be sent to Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040 and to no one else. To get your card and coin and to have your dues recorded you must send dues to the secretary only. Other-wise we will only record it. If your dues are not paid by March 31st, 1984, you will be dropped from the membership list. So dont let this happen to you. We will appreciate your help on this. A notice will be put in with TEC NEWS for those who have not paid yet. If you already have paid, just disregard the notice.

Notices have been sent from the A.N.A. to plan on our TEC meeting as the convention will be in late July and ends August 1, 1984. There will be two Hotels to stay in and about two blocks apart. The A.N.A. will have bus service to and from the Bourse Hall, which is also two blocks away from the main hotel. I hope many will come to the convention and enjoy visiting with each other. I think this year the hotel will have a hotel lobby where we can all visit. So come one, come all and come to the TEC meeting.

I received a few complaints from new and old members of someone sending out things to them they didn't order and they were expected to pay to even return what was sent them. Talk to your postmaster as if you did not order anything from this person you dont even have to return a thing. No harm intended to no one but dealers should make sure they send to members who have ordered coins etc. from you and get this in writing. Your taking a big chance if you expect others to buy unsolicited merchandise.

If the printing keeps going up higher we will have to cut down on the pages to keep the cost down. So far we are doing alright but in a year or two who knows. Postage is to go up in late 1984 to. Guess we will worry about it when the time comes.

Now, folks may Al and I and all the TEC officers wish you a Happy New Year. May your year be just a little bit better then it was last year. Also the best of health to you all, as when your healthy your a very rich person. So again folks with all our love to each and everyone of you, HAPPY NEW YEAR. God Bless you all.

Your TEC President Sally Kirka

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Deadline for articles and ads is Feb. 18, 1984. Send at once if you can.

In a previous letter I told you that I was preparing an exhibit for the Michigan State Numismatic Society Fall Convention to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, November 25-27th, 1983 in Dearborn, Michigan.

This was a big show with 150 Dealers there and a very large exhibit area. They had many many outstanding displays in 7 different adult categories, plus three additional categories for the Juniors.

The title of my display was "Commemorative Elongated Coins of the Chicago World's Fair, 1933-1934." It was the only exhibit containing elongated coins and was placed in the miscellaneous category. I am very pleased to let you know that it took first place.

When preparing my exhibit I was very enthused and certainly felt that I would win a prize of some type. However, after seeing the High Class, High Priced, tough competition that I was up against, my enthusiasm was dampened considerably.

My little stretched pennies were competing against a fantastic display of encased postage stamps, a display of very old Numismatic Publications and a huge display of factory badges among other things.

When the winner of the third place for my category was announced, I felt very disappointed. When second place was announced, I felt that I lost completely. I must admit that I was shocked, surprised and extremely well pleased when it was announced that I had taken First Place and was presented with a large and beautiful Silver Bowl.

By the way, this was my very first time to exhibit anything and my family feels that I should quit while I am ahead. However, I plan to alter my display somewhat and enter it in other local shows and maybe even the 1984 ANA Convention that will be held in Detroit next July.

I am trying very hard to promote more interest in elongated coins. As you know, I am a roller and now I guess I am a collector of some distinction.

I want to thank you for advice, support and cooperation that you have given me in the past. I also wanted you to know that the hobby of "The Elongated Collectors" really won this prize.

A CLOCK WITH ELONGATED COINS

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.
SALEM, OREGON

When Doug Fairbanks, Sr. mentioned in his article about what to do with large amounts of given coins and he read about one person making a clock. So I just have to tell you about my clock. Actually, I have to back up a little to tell you about a nice man I had met at a large Flea Market in Arizona. He, among other things makes clocks using slabs of agate and petrified wood. He saw my fishing lures made with elongated coins and he bought a few. He later told me that he used the coins and the slabs in several clocks which he immediately sold. I saw him at the Prineville, Oregon Pow-wow and we struck up a deal. I traded coins and lures for a clock.

I received the clock a few weeks later and it is on my wall now. It is Octagonal and for each of the hours there is a slab of agate or petrified wood with one of my coins on it. In the center are several more slabs some vari-colored shells and four of my coins with the date showing. All very artistically done. The hours are made of all different elongated coins. The clock is 12" across and is made of clear epoxy with pearlized background. I'm very proud of it. Any rockhound that makes tables could make one, but not me. I don't make tables.

DID YOU KNOW?

BY JOHN G. SPADONE
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That first membership cards were elongated coins rolled on 1893 Indian cents? This is the first date known that elongated coins came into being at the Columbian 1893 World's Exposition at Chicago, Illinois.

Ralph Jobes (TEC #2) Vice President at the time, donated the coins to the 116 Charter members and were enclosed with the Jan-Feb-1967 TEC NEWS Vol. 2 #1. Mr. Jobes furnished the dies labor, coins and the names were engraved on the date side by Dottie Dow.

I wasn't a charter member but did pick one up with David Radtke TEC 76 name engraved on the dates side and read about it in an early copy of TEC NEWS.

Also mentioned at the time were the first TEC OWL coins with TEC number on the dated side stamped by Dottie Dow and sold for 50¢ on cent and \$1.00 for the dime. I don't know the mintage but Dottie mentioned 500 could be rolled from this die.

Also mentioned were the first TEC convention badge made by Lloyd Wagonman (271 minted) for 1967 TEC meeting at the A.N.A. Convention at Miami Beach, Florida and were sold for \$2.50 each.

So if you have one of these items or run into them, you will know what they were made for, by whom, how many, how much they sold for and what they should be worth today. The last I heard was, that the 1967 TEC badge sold for \$35.00. I guess it pays to research and Happy Hunting.

Any comments, corrections, additional information can be sent to John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055.

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE - CANADA - JULY 1983

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.
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An article about a Boy Scout Jamboree doesn't sound like it has anything to do with elongated coins, but in this case it does. The world Jamboree this year was held in Canada fifty miles West of Calgary.

Dan Shay of Salem contacted me with the idea of making up a coin for his troop to take with them. He came up with the idea of showing his troop's area on a map of the United States and the Scout Emblem off the East coast. The words "XV WORLD JAMBOREE" within the states, the troop number and date top and bottom. His Troop was composed of Scouts from Oregon and Northern California, except the Portland area.

The design looked good so our son Vance made the die and I turned out the coins. Dan and his son Matt came to pick up the coins just before they left for Canada. I waited anxiously to hear how things came out.

Here is what I learned. There were 15,000 Scouts at the Jamboree, both boys and girls. The girls came from troops outside the U.S. and were from about 10% of the 115 countries there. Dan's boys gave the coins as gifts to a great many of the boys there. They also traded emblems, patches, hats, shirts, and other items. Matt came home wearing a hat (Beret) from Trinidad and Tobago, a shirt from Israel, a Neckchief from Scotland and a Scout pin from Lebanon. He also has patches from Scouts from all over the world.

Looks to me like it would be smart to turn over all the world's problems to the kids of the world. They would get things settled in no time.

The crowning moment of the Jamboree for Dan Shey came when he presented one of the coins to Lord Baden Powell III, the Grandson of the originator of the Scout movement. It also made me feel good. That and the fact that coins that I have turned out are in the collections of many people living in all parts of the world!

PERRY'S VICTORY CENTENIAL AT PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO

BY RICH BOTTLES JR.
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At the outbreak of the war of 1812, Lieutenant Oliver Hazard Perry was in command of a division of gunboats at Newport, Rhode Island.

In February of 1813, Perry was transferred at his request to Lake Erie. Lake Erie was then under the command of Commodore Isaac Chauncey.

Perry was soon ordered to Sacketts Harbor, New York to superintend the construction of a fleet. By August, Perry had built and manned nine vessels.

Perry and his fleet was confronted by the British on Sept. 10. The confrontation took place just eight miles from Put-in Bay on Lake Erie. Perry's flagship, The Lawrence, was almost completely destroyed and he had to transfer to another of his ships, The Niagara, to continue the battle. The Niagara sailed into the British line firing broadsides and soon forced Britian's surrender. The battle had lasted a little over fifteen minutes and had been the first time in history that England had been forced to give up a naval squadron by surrender.

The battle gave the Americans control of Lake Erie and prompted Perry's famous dispatch to Major General William Henry Harrison which said, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

Perry was made a National hero and was promoted to the rank of Captain by Congress. He died on his 34th birthday of yellow fever in the West Indies, August 23, 1819.

The small town of Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island (three miles north of the Ohio mainland) celebrated Perry's victory on the battle's hundredth anniversary. Elongated cents were rolled to commemorate the anniversary. The words "Perry's Victory Centennial" run across the top of the design. A horseshoe with a ship inside, perhaps the Niagara, is in the center. "Lucky Cent" is along the bottom. The dates 1813 and 1913 are on the sides of the horseshoe. A small star is directly below the word "Perry's".

Today Put-in-Bay is a quiet resort town where vacationers travel on one of the ferry lines to the Island. They enjoy fishing, hiking, swimming, camping, picnicing, shopping and sightseeing. Many interesting sights such as a fish hatchery, art museum, wineries and a couple stalagmite-covered caves can be toured via bicycling, golf carts, or walking. Other points of interest include Island Airlines (the "Shortest Airline in the World") and Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. The memorial commemorates Oliver Perry's Victory and is dedicated to lasting World Peace throughout the World.

O.K. WHO MADE THEM?

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.
SALEM, OREGON

I read about the question asked by Pearl Crabb in the last TEC NEWS, made me think I have a rifle on a penny.

I wanted to see if it was the same as Pearl Crabb had. Nope, mine is a modern hunting rifle with a scope on it. It also has etching on the stock. I picked it up at a coin show. The reason that it attracted me was because it was so three-dimensional.

This is because the back of the coin is indented. It is on a 1977 penny and doesn't appear to have been painted to show the date, etc. What I would like to know is, how this coin was made?

It is elongated as if it had been stretched, but there is still something that doesn't ring true. Could this be one of Mr. Cool's neat job. If you can answer this question write to Sally so she can tell us all about this coin in the TEC NEWS. Anyone cares to write about it?

NOTES OF INTEREST

John Spadone has asked me to make a note to all rollers. It seems that Jones started a Presidential series of all Presidents of the U.S. He did many or until "I think" Kennedy. Now the collectors of this series want to know if any roller of elongated coins will continue this series. I have a feeling all the Presidents are on coins but most made in the last few years made by different people. If anyone has elongated coins of the Presidents from Kennedy on, lets hear from them and how much the coins are for sale?

 Congratulations are in order to our immediate past vice president Richard Grabowski of TEC who recently got married. Richard and Mary Grabowski both teach school in the Rockville school of Vernon, Conn. A limit of a "Just Married" elongated coins were made for this special occasion and given out at their reception. Sorry but all the elongated coins are gone.

Our new vice president Elliott Goldberg of West Roxbury also recently got married to. So congratulations to you Elliott and Carol Goldberg from all of us.

Lee Liska from 721 Ojai Ave., Sun City Center, Fla. 33570, has been in the hospital lately so if you don't hear from him on your order of holders, please wait a week or two. He will catch up sooner or later. See his ad on another page. Please get well Lee so you can enjoy the holidays. A get well wish from all the officers of TEC and may the coming year be a healthy one for you and your wife.

If you have something for BUY-SELL-TRADE page, please write it down on a separate page what you want put in. Please make it short as your only allowed three lines with your name and address. Also you cant repeat the ad on the same thing. We try to help all. If I have room I'll add more. If you want to add more words its a paid ad. Also these paid ads must be camera ready and the ad will come out as you sent it. The mistakes you make are your own. I don't have all the things to make up a good ad at home. The paid ads are still cheap enough as the cost of printing keeps going higher.

Help! Help! Got a good article about elongated coins or something to do with them, why not sit down and write it. We need good articles to keep TEC NEWS going. Remember TEC NEWS is as good as you make it. I cant do it all alone so I'm asking the help of all. I keep getting promises but thats all I get from a few. If I can find the time to do the TEC NEWS then hopefully you can find a few minutes to sit down and write that article you have been meaning to write. So come on folks wont you help us all by writing some good articles about elongated coins. I'll appreciate this very much and so will everyone else.

Three members have written to me and asked what to do when members send them things they didn't order or do they want what was sent them? Ask your mailman and he will tell you what to do. If you didn't order what was sent you, you dont even have to return. Just file it in file 13, or tell your mailman about this. TEC does not have any control over any of mail or things you receive.

George L. Wanzug, 4371 12 Mile Rd., Warren, Mich. 48092 has been sick lately and it would be nice to send him a get well card as cards always helps you get better faster. Lets start the New Year by sending our sick members a card or a letter. Get well George and we haven't forgotten you just didn't know you were sick, so get well fast.

It was a long trip to San Diego, California this summer for me but in one way I did enjoy it. As Al decided the last minute the trip was a little to long for him, so he wanted to stay home but told me to go ahead and go.

I took a direct plane from Connecticut to San Diego but it sure was a long trip. We first went up north over Rochester, N.Y., where I waved to Richard Townsend as he lives there. From there we went to Canada so you see why it took so long to get to San Diego which was down southwest.

Now, this our time, their time, sure can mix anyone up, as when we did land in Chicago it was a different time to. Although when I arrived in California it was only after midnight, but it was after 3 a.m., our time in Connecticut.

I didn't really know what to say when I got up the next morning as I was really hungry. I was surprised there was no coffee bar in the hotel where I was staying. As a matter the place was more as sleeping rooms only. I was lucky to meet Ed Rochette when I went outside, so he directed me where to go eat. I found out later you had to walk 10-15 minutes to everyplace I was going to. With a sore leg this wasn't very easy.

The first day there I sure was loney and did I miss Al. It just wasn't the same without him. I scouted around all day to try to find where every thing was but like I said, walking to everything wasn't easy.

On Monday TEC members started to arrive and believe me I was happy to hear the voice of Ginnie Aldridge when she said, hello Sally. I was real homesick by then and real glad to talk to Ginnie. I dont remember if we got together for lunch that day or the next but we had our meals in one nice place there where we sat and relaxed. As from that day on we were very busy.

Tuesday, Ginnie and I rushed to open the TEC table in the Bourse room. There we were greated by Frank Brazzell and Chester Rogers who were already there and had things on the TEC table ready for business. We really had a good spot and we thank our TEC member Ruthann Brettell for this. From Tuesday to Friday we were very busy as many were stopping and asking questions about TEC and elongated coins? Ginnie is a go-getter and while I was telling people about TEC and elongated coins she was signing up new members. I hope our new members will enjoy collecting elongated coins as much as I do.

Before I forget the board members who were in California at the time held a meeting and I must say we didn't rush it and sat and talked many things over. Most of the time we get officers who come and then try to rush everything and this doesnt get us anywhere. So this year we had a good meeting. Here we wait for a board meeting all year long, so it was good to sit and discuss things over.

I didn't have to much time to go around the bourse floor but I did when I could. Somehow it seemed only all expensive coins etc. were being sold and not much else. I remember when years ago I bought a lot of things that interested me. Now unless you have lots of money you didnt buy a thing.

It was a must to stop at James Warmus's table as he had many books of elongated coins. Believe me you could stay there all day and still not see all the elongated coins he had for sale. They were all reasonable priced and a price for everyone. I wished I could have stayed longer as I enjoyed looking over what he had. I did tell him, members asked if he would write what the coin is and what it has on it. Very few care to look up numbers in a book for a coin. Yet if you describe the coin, more will want to buy. If you didn't send for his price list write to him for more information and don't forget your stamped envelope.

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I also had my P.N.C. covers cancelled every day and thanks to the nice postal clerk I got all my P.N.C. covers hand cancelled and a nice job to.

As to the TEC meeting, Wednesday was a very, very busy morning with two or three meetings going at the same time. However I had to go to the TEC meeting as this came first. I did miss a few good meetings and a nice breakfast I was invited to by the Numismatic News. Something I hated to miss.

As to our meeting someone coming and going all through the meeting, yet room was full all the time. I think the meeting was the best we had in years, even if we were a little rushed. I will ask for a later time for next year or 1984 meeting as we didn't even have time to eat to rush to the meeting. Our speaker Lee Martin had a very good program for all to enjoy. Had lot of V.I.P.'s coming to visit at our meeting as I saw about five A.N.A. officers there at one time.

The give away coins were something else as thanks to the generosity of the TEC members who kindly made it possible for all who were there to get a bag of all kind of coins. The meeting was a big success.

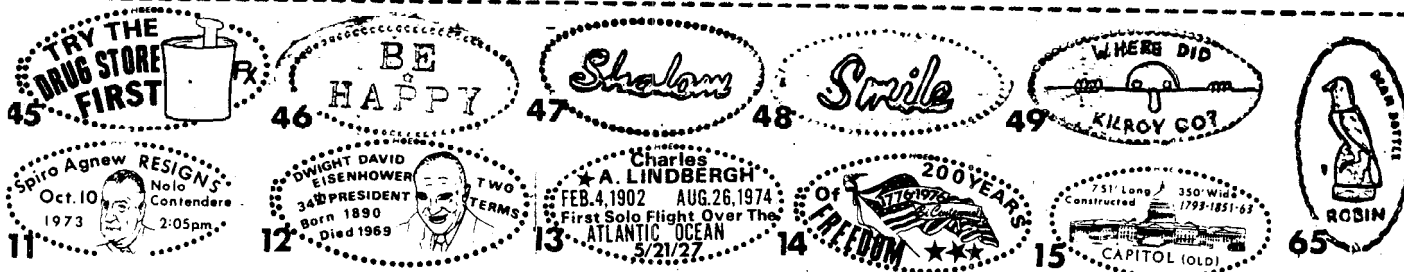
What did hurt me the most was when I got home a past officer wrote how they heard what a lousy TEC meeting we had. I dont know who wrote this but who ever did shouldn't be a TEC member. We do our best to try to please, so it sounds like we have one unhappy member.

Although we were busy most of the days, Lee Martin took a few of us around the town to see San Diego. We got lost a few times, but Ginnie & I wished we got lost longer as we saw more of the city. We even stopped and had a meal at a nice place with old country decorations. The meal was so good and more like a meal that Mom used to make. Thanks Lee from all.

Talking about food, Ginnie and I ate in one place where we always had good seats and a good meal. Somehow the meals were a little different but good. Somethings were new to me, specially when they brought us some thing that looked like grass where they put slices of fruit on. I asked Ginnie what it was and she kiddingly told me it was a birds nest. It looked it. We had to ask a waiter what it was but forgot what he called it. He did tell us they eat it on sandwiches or salads. As for me I couldn't go for it after Ginnie called it a birds nest. It looked it to.

I did become a new member of N.L.G. and I was real proud and happy when Lee Martin came over and pinned on my new NLG pin. As I was a member Ginnie and I went to the NLG bash that night and enjoyed a very good program that Lee Martin put on. He had some good dancers there that I wish Al could have seen as they did all kind of dances tapping their way as they did square dances. The program was great. We will miss all this as Lee Martin said, he wont be coming to any more conventions. I've enjoyed all the NLG bashes over the past ten years now.

It was very lonely with-out Al but Al called me every night so I was very happy. Yet when the week was over I couldn't wait to get home to be with Al. When I got home and Al opened the door my tiny toy poodle jumped three feet in the air to me. She was homesick for me to as Al told me she wouldn't eat for him. Yet when I started eating so did she. It was nice to go but nice to come home to such a nice welcome I received from Al and our dog Queenie.





A few months ago I received a request for information for making some elongated coins. This was not unusual as I get these requests week after week. What was so unusual was it came from Puerto Rico.

I sent the information out and a couple weeks latter came another letter from Puerto Rico. It was a request for a die and they wanted only 50 coins rolled. It was to be of a limited issue for special awards to people who made special contribution to the field of Numismatics. I engraved the die and rolled the coins and sent them back to Puerto Rico.

A few weeks latter I received a copy of a newspaper from Puerto Rico with a story about the elongated coin and the reason it was made. The only problem was the story in the paper was in Spanish. (I don't know how I get in these things.) Anyhow my dear wife being a school teacher and teaching French and Spanish for 23 years was called on to translate the story for me. She tells me, first it was the French die and now its Spanish and she is running out of foreign languages, I better watch out.

At any rate I do have the story and am sending Sally a copy of it as it fills a full page and was written by Luis A. Rodriguez for the El Mundo newspaper of San Juan Puerto Rico.

At this time as far as we know this was the first Elongated Coin of Puerto Rico and had a limited mintage of only 50 coins.

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Ten years ago a group composed of five young men desiring to contribute to the numismatic and cultural values of our country founded the Juan Ponce de Leon Numismatic Association. The founders were Francisco Plata, Miguel Moreno, Hector Plaud, Israel Rodriguez, the author of this column.

The group held various numismatic and archaeological displays in different places. Some of the places where they exhibited and held conferences were the Ponce Art Museum the Catholic University, UPR Regional college in Ponce and the Municipal Library. One of their activities was the minting of a token worth fifty cents which was used to promote and obtain funds for the group. Two hundred pieces in brass were minted, thus being very scarce. The Association had a duration of about two years after which it was dissolved due to a majority of members studying in different places which made it difficult to plan and carry out activities. At the suggestion of its founder and President, Luis A. Rodriguez it was decided with great sadness to dissolve the association with the hope of returning to reunite some day. Spordically Luis along with Francisco and Israel carried out some activities informally among themselves in the publication of the pamphlet Numismatic Guide to Puerto Rico.

Miguel Moreno who is a doctor moved to another town to practice his profession and Hector Plaud works in a firm in the United States.

Recently the remaining founders decided that it was time to return activity to the Association and so they did. As a commemoration of our 10th anniversary it was decided to mint another medal which will be granted annually along with a certificate of merit to a person or institution that has distinguished himself or itself in the field of numismatics. As history is intimately binding on numismatics we extend the prize to more education.

The minting of the medal and the printing of the certificates was patronized by: Efrain Archilla, Ernesto Ruiz, Luis Quinones, Padre Jamie Wazquez, Doctor Jorge Bonilla, Jose Bonilla, Jose L. Fernandez, Luis Guyar Alvarez, Luis Quinones, Duillio Vala Y Rafael Candelas.

These contributed econonically to the realization of this project. The medal was made by the means of the elongated process which consists in the making of an oval die which is placed on a metal roll. This adjusts to a manual machine and by means of a strong pressing transfers the drawing to the coin. As pressing to mint the medals is employed money which is introduced into the machine results in an oval form in place of round. This medal will have distinction of being the first piece of the Pureto Rican Numismatics made in this process.

The design is the work of engineer Israel Rodriguez Vazquez who was inspired by the lamb of San Juan Bautista which simbolizes Purto Rico and has been reproduced on money, bills and medals of our country. As can be seen in the illustration the lamb is standing on the island.

The die was made and the medals were rolled by Frank Brazzell of Terre Haute, In. in the United States. Only 50 medals were elongated of which 10 designated specimans will be handed over to those who cooperated. Also other medals for presentation will be made in the near future.

The association doesn't pursue financial gain and is didicated pr marily to the study and dispersion of numismatic science. The members are chosen by the invitation of the founding committee to insure serious and original goals of the association.

At the beginning of this year will begin the selection of the first person to whom will be awarded the medal and merit certificate for his work in Numismatics and history of Pureto Rico. By this means we wish to thank all those persons who have contributed to this project and we wish to acknowledge the merits of those who have labored to promote the interesting Education of Numismatics and History.

Having just recently returned from a trip to San Francisco and enjoying it to the utmost, I must tell you of two very interesting highlights.

First was the tour of the San Francisco Mint. This being my first opportunity to tour any U.S. Mint, it was say the least most exciting. I just drooled at the glitter of all the gold, mainly the gold coin collections. Needless for me to say anyone would be excited by seeing a glittering pyramid of 28 bars of 999.9 fine gold, whose value today is worth millions. Gold coins of all denominations, dating from 1856 - 1915, with "S" mint marks and surrounded by a 1000 ounce gold nugget collection valued at over a million dollars. The hand size nuggets were taken from the Ruby Drift Mine near Downieville, California. They are on loan to the San Francisco Mint from Sierra County, California, sole owner of the collection. This collection is considered the finest in the world.

The San Francisco Mint also houses all denominations of United States Coins from cents through dollars plus U.S. Commemorative Coins. The famous Kagin Collection of Pioneer Gold Coins, the Western Art displaying many other antiques, minting equipment and artifacts, Western memorabilia and graphic displays for everyone to see and enjoy.

Medals are a very big part of the San Francisco Mint and there is even a 1869 coin press that has been equipped with a special triggering device so visitors may activate the 160 ton press and strike a 1½" bronze souvenir medal of the old U.S. Mint.

The second highlight was the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Warf, where of course I was on the lookout for the fellow who rolls elongated coins as souvenir. Well after looking around the bridge site (which was breath-taking) and the warf, I could not find a trace of him anywhere in those locations. I really felt a little disappointed but decided that I would not leave the area without asking around some of the business establishments to see if anyone knew where I might find him. To my surprise and joy the first shop I went into and asked, the lady said, "oh yes, I know hes around here somewhere, as he moves around somewhat but usually he is around the corner two blocks up."

Without any further delay on my part I went to the designated area and there he was with his chromed rolling machine, shining in the sunlight, and barking out "Step right up ladies and gentlemen, I'll roll your pennies into souvenir of San Francisco!"

I stepped up and introduced myself as a fellow roller and collector, then dug into my pocket of change and my wife's change purse to find several pennies for him to roll. The elongated coin depicts the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Warf and the famous San Francisco Cable Cars. They are now part of my collection and I know everytime I look at them it will bring fond memories of a very much enjoyed trip to San Francisco.

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Back when I got my first elongated machine I had Bob Luchtman make a die for me with a Covered Bridge on it for the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. In 1979 I had Adam Cool do four dies for me for my Covered Bridge Museum. I had not made a covered bridge die myself till October of this year.

This came about because Brad Ream of Terre Haute was going to set his machine up at Rockville, In. for the Covered Bridge Festival this year. Every year starting on Friday of the second weekend and running for ten days there is a Covered Bridge Festival in Parke County the Covered Bridge Capital of the United States. There are 34 standing bridges in Parke County, more than anywhere in the United states. The town of Rockville is the center of the festival and the court house lawn becomes one giant country store. Tents are put up and arts and crafts of yesteryears are all over. You can purchase lye soap, straw brooms, buckeyes, hedge apples, home made ice-cream and food, oh

yes, all kinds of food but that is a different story.

In 1979 when I bought the covered bridge Museum, an old building 120 foot long with a 60 feet covered bridge built in it. My wife said, every man should have one. So I had Adam Cool make four dies for advertisement for it.

This year Brad Ream had asked me if he could set up his machine in front of the shop if he could not get space anywhere else. I had told him he could as I have wanted to do this myself in the past but due to running the gift shop on the first floor and in the basement I never had found time to really do it. On Tuesday the week before the festival I started the art work for the dies as Brad wanted three different one made and finished them in time for him to roll a good number of coins before the festival. His sister-in-law painted many in red and black bridges. He also made hat pins, key chains and even necklaces. Brad was able to rent a space on the north side of the square in front of Murphys and not only set up his machine but also tables where he could sell other items as well. He had more space than I could have given him in front of my building. He had a prime location and he rolled a lot of coins. He also had several people who wanted information on machines and dies made so he sent them over to me.

I handed out a lot of flyers about machines and dies. The pictures of the elongated coins are shown above and if anyone is interested in buying any just write: Brad Ream, 1654 - 4th Ave., Terre Haute, In. 47807. The price is 50¢ each, plus a stamped envelope for postage.

Brad is planing to have three more made next year and said he may do the whole series of the bridges, something I have talked about but never took the time to do it. With 34 bridges it would make a nice series. The Billy Creek Bridge we made this year and has the name on it and as each bridge has its own name we only have 33 more to go. Maybe next year.

Take our mistakes we make in the TEC NEWS with our love for you as we often sit up all night working on it so we can get it out to you on time. We try very hard to please everyone but sometimes very hard to do. You can all help us to send us your articles on time so we can get them done early. If you know of any member that is sick, please also tell me so I can tell the members. Yes we do care about our members and you do to.

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FOR SALE: Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072 has coins for sale for the Park Ridge Railroad Station, 1871 to 1981 Restoration Association. The coins are a \$1. each, plus an S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE: Mrs. Marie F. Trinny, 6468 Washington St., Space 64, Yountville Calif, 94599 has a new Kewpie doll coin for sale. They are a \$1. and plus a S.A.S.E. Write to her for more information on this and don't forget the S.A.S.E. when writing for any information to anyone.

FOR SALE: Chester Rogers, P.O. box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438 has a coin with the "The American Rescue." Another with Castro caught with his pants down by Uncle Sam. He is also making a series of State birds and flowers so write to him for more information. The pennies are 75¢ each and the gold plated pennies 6 for \$5. \$5. plus the S.A.S.E. As far as I know he will have 10 coins ready of the bird and flower series. Very nice coins.

WANTED: by Richard Bottle Jr., 946 N. Mariposa Ave., Apt. 219, Los Angeles, Calif. 90020. Richard is interested in old and new elongated coins from the South West Pennsylvania area. (Pittsburgh-Allegeny County, Butler County, Beaver County or Lawrence County. He is especially interested in buying PENpit #1-#4 which he needs to complete his Pittsburgh coins in "Yesterdays collection." Anyone else who shares in his collecting interests can write to him.

James Warmus, Box 1035, Burbank, CA. 91507, has a new price list of many many nice new elongated listed. Others go back a few years. His price list is a must for the true collectors, if you dont already have them. I asked him to list whats on the coins as people who dont have a book on elongated coins can buy the coins. This helps a lot James and wow, what nice list he has. So if you didn't receive a list why not write to him. Don't forget the S.A.S.E. when writing for information. I sat at his table over an hour looking what he had and believe me he had just about all coins out in last few years. So all you new members, lot of good buys on his list.

FOR TRADE: Jack Storm, P.O. Box 10453, Burbank, Calif. 91510-0453 wants to trade five different of his elongated coins for five of your different elongated coins. Each pay their own postage. Also hes interested in buying old dies for elongated coins. Are there any out there for Sale? Will pay cash. Please write with details on this first.

FOR SALE: Tom Gerhardt, Box 135, Keystone, S.D. 57751 has 23 new elongated coins for sale at 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. Make sure you put extra stamp or two when ordering all 23 coins. Tom is the one who had the Mt. Rushmore coin for sale. I hope I got his address correct as Tom moves around a lot with his machine. His latest coin as of this writing is of the core Palace of Mitchell, S.D. A real nice coin as I seen a sample. His Colorado address is 2060 Kingston St., Aurora, Co. 80010.

FOR SALE: by Jack Wilcox, 310 Washington Place, N. Brunswick, N.J. 08902. He has now a "remember the EX-PRISONER of War" elongated coin. They are 50¢ each, plus an S.A.S.E. Everyone should buy one of these coins and lets never forget those that are still Prisoners of War in some countries.

WANTED: by Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mich. 48430. Wants to buy "Yesterday's Elongateds" especially those commemorating World's Fairs and Expositions. Turn your duplicates into cash. Sell them to me. Will pay 10% over the "low level price scale" as listed in Martin & Dow's book.

The answer to a few questions asked in the TEC NEWS by some members. Why not write about some of the coins your interested in?

After typing up the article about Roy Fowlers clock made with his nice elongated coins on it by a friend I'd like our TEC members to know that one of our own TEC members makes the clocks on a fancy cut out slice of wood he has to buy in Florida as these trees grow in the swamps there.

If you want a clock made, write to Harold Anderson, P.O. Box 45, Caro. Michigan 48723. He is the one who also made them with your own elongated coins. You can send your own coins or buy yourself some extras that you may like. I'm sure Frank Brazzell and Chester Rogers can sell you what you can use. Yes there are many dealers out there who will sell coins.

I know the clocks are beautifully and neatly made as Harold Anderson made me one a few years ago. By the way the clock is run on batteey. Harold also donated one of these clocks to TEC and we auctioned this nice clock off and I think we made \$40. on it for the TEC treasury. Take my word you'll like it if you buy one. They don't come cheap. I saw that they sell for \$75. - \$100. in some stores.

Now to answer the gun question that Pearl Crabb asked in the October issue. The gun elongated coins were donated to TEC for their TEC meeting for San Diego by Gus Mecarello of Pougkeesie, N.Y. I'm almost sure that rolled out the coins. How about it Gus, how about writing an article on why the coin was made and rolled? It seems the coin is an interesting subject. To think maybe one of our own TEC members Grandfather or Great-Grandfather may have made it.

About the other coin that Roy Fowler wrote about I really think it was or could be one of Adam Cools coins. I have many of his nice coins he made a few years back. Hes an outstanding engraver and these coins are special in anyones collection. I'm real proud of all his coins that he made and wouldn't part with any that he gave me. I have some real special pieces on half dollars etc. from Adam Cool.

A few years back Adam Cool rolled one of the longest rolled out pennies I've ever seen. I'm the lucky one to get one from Adam. Its about 12-14 inches long as I forgot just how long it is. I keep it in a frame as I show it off in exhibits of the longest elongated coin made to the tiny ones, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long. I have a few more different size coins and tokens rolled out in this frame. I see many people stop and look at this at my exhibit at the coin shows.

COINS DONATED

The elongated coins donated for the February issue of the TEC NEWS were donated by Vance Fowler. These coins will be given out while they last and then we will give the coins that we have. We don't always have as many as we need as we try to do the best we can. Yet all will be given. Thank you Mr. Fowler for remembering us as your coins are appreciated.

If you have any elongated coins to put in on the page for BUY-SELL and Trade, please send it right in. If I don't get more members to write in we will do away with this page, so its up to you. I never thought it was so hard to get anyone to write in about the coins they have for sale. So folks lets hear from you if you have a coin for sale. There are many of our members that may want the elongated coin you may have for sale. Deadline for articles and ads is Feb. 18, 1984. Send at once if you can.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

I read in the "President's Message" column in October 1983 TEC NEWS about the 1984 TEC convention badges. Sally Kirka has asked that all the members that are interested in buying one, to please write to her. I believe this is a good opportunity to acquire a unique elongated quarter at a modest cost. It can be a start of wonderful collection of elongated coins. It is also a good way to help TEC.

I had been a small collector of elongated cents before I joined TEC in 1974. I am still a small collector. I ordered my first badge in 1975 for Miami convention. Bob Luchtman was the roller and designed this coin. Again in 1976 Bob rolled the quarters for the Los Angeles convention. The price was \$3.30 by mail. Starting in 1976 only enough badges were rolled as were ordered. At that time a member could purchase all the previous years badges, except 1967 and 1972 for \$2.30.

When I received my Los Angeles badge I was hooked. I ordered all the badges that were available at that time and started looking for the 1967 and 1972 TEC badges I was missing. The price changed to \$3.50 in 1980 for a coin rolled by Claude Watt. The badges for the 1982 and 1983 conventions were \$4.50 at convention and by mail were \$5.00. If one was fortunate to be an original member of TEC, that person could have put together a nice display of TEC convention badges for approximately \$50.

I was able to purchase a 1972 TEC badge in 1981. It was listed in a fixed price list of elongated coins by Doug Fairbanks. I completed my collection with the purchase of a 1976 badge this summer. Stephen Alpert Los Angeles, California had it listed in his mail bid catalog of tokens and medals. I got it with a winning bid of \$7.50, making my cost of a complete set of convention badges at \$68.

My point is that the past convention badges are still possible to purchase at reasonable prices. In Doug Fairbanks 1983 fall price list of elongated coins, are 11 different badges listed at \$3.75 each. It is very possible the other five badges are on auction lists or dealers list.

As Sally stated in her column, the 1982 & 3 badges will bring a high price in years to come. This is because of low mintage due to lack of interest. These convention badges can be a focal point of a collection of elongated coins. So why not order your 1984 TEC badge now and avoid paying a premium for them later. The idea to remember is to buy the available items now when the price is reasonable!

BUY-SELL-TRADE

FOR SALE: By Cecil E Wall, 1510 N. Harding St., Orange, Calif. 92667 has made a beautifully designed Christmas coin. The die is really made nicely with a dotted border and a very nice inside border of Christmas leaves and a nice saying in the middle. A nice collectors item for the Christmas collectors. For more information please write to him and send S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE: By Bob Dadson, 409 Eight St., Carlstadt, N.J. 07072 has two new coins for sale for the G.E.N.A. and the Garden State convention. Both were made by Dottie Dow. The coins are 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. Both are very nice coins.

FOR SALE: By John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terr., Miami, Florida 33055. Still has a few books on Yesterday Elongateds by Dottie Dow & Lee Martin. Write to John for more information as his price is still the same. Coin dealers selling them for more, or higher prices.

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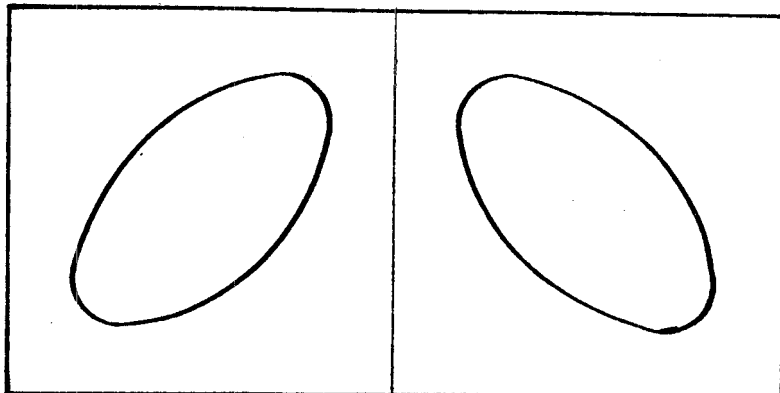
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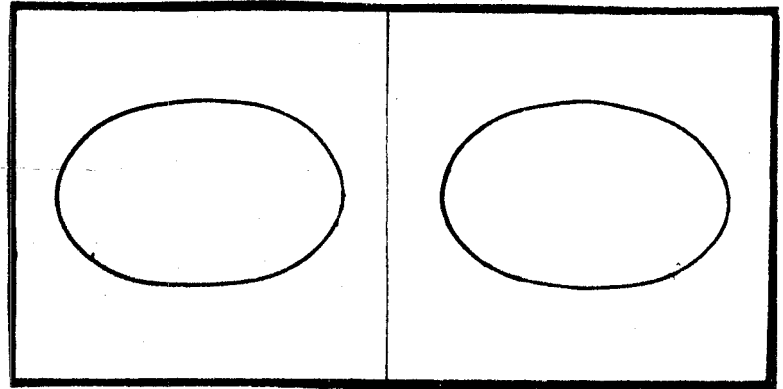
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